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Mr. Kenneth Kosinski  
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Re: Comments on New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Draft SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Operations

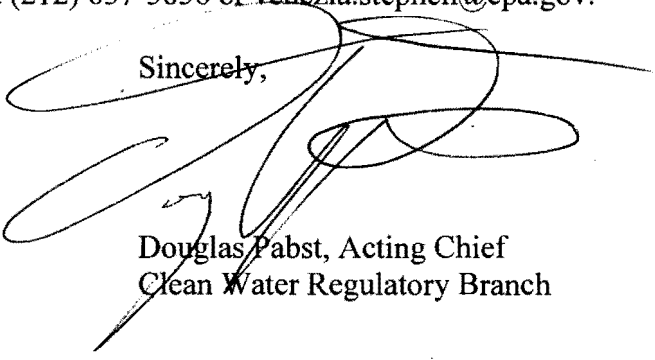
Dear Mr. Kosinski,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to review the draft SPDES General Permit that was prepared by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing to develop the Marcellus Shale and other low-permeability gas reservoirs.

Enclosed are our comments which we hope will assist you in drafting a proposed permit that will clearly set forth requirements and ensure the ability to adequately enforce the permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-637-3797 or Stephen Venezia, the EPA Region 2 Stormwater Coordinator at (212) 637-3856 or [venezia.stephen@epa.gov](mailto:venezia.stephen@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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